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Firstly, I must apologise to those members who had to pay a further £1.07 to get their newsletter from the post office. I had the newsletters weighed in my local post office and they said they were all right for first class. It appears that when they were delivered, they were 0.07p under weight. What made things worse, is that the post office charged £1.00 Handling Fee!! I do apologies and if you want wish the £1.07 to returned, then let me know and I will send £1.07 worth of postage stamps.

This past 2 months has seen the passing of 2 influential persons within UFOlogy.. Firstly, Dr. John Mack run down by a drunken driver in London and then the passing of Gordon Cooper who claimed to of seen UFO's (he chased them when he was in the US Air Force and also had spoken at the UN on the subject). Dr. John Mack's death was a dreadful thing to happen. UFOlogy at the moment in my view is on a downward slide and as one person recently said to me... British UFOlogy is dead, but the rest of the world is still awake to them. Yes, I agree with the statement that UFOlogy is dead in the UK. At a recent meeting held in London, only 7 people

turned up at the event. UFO groups / conferences cannot expect to survive if the British public is turning its back on the subject. ALL British groups, investigators etc are suffering. We do not see any major UFO researchers speaking at conferences (Nick Redfern is now in the USA, Jenny Randles seems to have disappeared, Tim Good speaks very very rarely and mostly outside if the UK and UFO conferences have to now include other non-UFO subjects to get the crowds. The single 'UFO' conference is no longer with us. **'British UFOlogy is dead'** but groups like ours should try and reverse this. But unfortunately SUFOG is suffering at the moment with only 5-8 people attending our monthly meetings and only 40 subscribers to the newsletter... SUFOG will not be holding any conferences in the foreseeable future.. But who knows... !!!

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**The Scotsman 2nd September 2004...****Is strange space signal a sign that ET's mother has called back?**

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AMATEUR radio hams are usually excited by the faint buzz of a distant short-wave station, but a group of scientists believe they have received a message from extra-terrestrials.

Astronomers think that a signal picked up by a radio telescope last year shows the highest probability yet that ET's family may have returned his call.

In February 2003, scientists involved in the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence (SETI) pointed the huge radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, at about 200 sections of the sky.

Unexplained radio signals had been detected twice by the same telescope in these areas and scientists were trying to confirm the findings.

It may sound fanciful, but a report in the journal *New Scientist* reveals how the team has now finished analysing the data, and all the signals seem to have disappeared - except for one which has got stronger. Detected on three separate occasions, the signal is "an enigma", say researchers.

So far, explanations have included conjecture that it could be generated by a previously unknown astronomical phenomenon, or may even be something far more pedestrian, such as an artefact on the telescope itself interfering with measurements.

But the astronomy team says that it also happens to be the best candidate yet for a contact by intelligent aliens in the six-year history of the SETI@home project, which uses programmes running as screen-savers on millions of personal computers worldwide to sift through signals picked up by the Arecibo telescope.

Dr Dan Wertheimer, a radio astronomer

at the University of California (Berkeley) and the chief scientist for the project, said: "It is the most interesting signal from SETI@home. We are not jumping up and down, but we are continuing to observe it."

Named SHGb02+14a, the possible alien communication has a frequency of about 1420 megahertz - one of the main frequencies at which hydrogen, the most common element in the universe, readily absorbs and emits energy.

Some astronomers have suggested that aliens trying to announce their presence would be likely to transmit at this frequency, and SETI researchers regularly scan this part of the radio spectrum.

The unexplained signal appears to be emanating from a point between the constellations of Pisces and Aries, where there is no obvious star or planetary system within 1,000 light years, and the transmission is also very faint.

Dr Eric Korpela, of the research team, said: "We are looking for something that screams out 'artificial'. This just doesn't do that, but it could be because it is distant."

So far, the telescope has managed to pick up the signal for only about a minute in total, which is not sufficient for astronomers to analyse it fully.

Dr Korpela believes that it is unlikely the "message" is the result of any obvious radio interference or noise, and it does not resemble any known astronomical object.

Others, however, are more sceptical, saying the current lack of explanation does not mean that it could only have been produced by aliens.

Dr Jocelyn Bell Burnell, of the University of Bath, said: "It may be a natural phenomenon of a previously undreamed-of kind - like I stumbled over."

It was Dr Bell Burnell who, in 1967, observed a pulsed radio signal which the research team at the time believed was from extra-terrestrials, but which later was confirmed as the first sighting ever of a spinning collapsed star.

Other questions arise over the signal's frequency, which oscillates by between eight and 37 hertz a second.

Paul Horowitz, a Harvard University astronomer who looks for alien signals using optical telescopes, believes that the drift in the signal makes it "fishy".



David Anderson, the director of the SETI@home project, is also sceptical but curious about the signal. He told NewScientist: "It is unlikely to be real, but we will definitely continue to observe it."

Meanwhile, a new analysis of interstellar communications claims that, rather than sending radio signals, aliens would find it far more efficient to send a "message in a bottle".

Scientists at Rutgers University in New Jersey claim that beaming a radio signal that can be detected 10,000 light years away would demand a million billion times as much energy as just shooting out matter on which the data is inscribed.

## **Aliens in our midst?**

**Derek Neary**

**Northern News Services**

**Nahanni Butte (Aug 06/04)** - A couple of rings of fallen trees has one Nahanni Butte resident wondering if aliens have paid a visit. While flying, Earl Hope said he noticed two "huge" circles of downed poplars, snapped at their trunks, near the Grainger River between Blackstone Territorial Park and Nahanni Butte.

"There's two circles, one's about 500 feet round, the other's about 300 feet round," Hope said, adding he didn't have a camera with him to get a picture.

"All the trees are pointing to the middle... It's like somebody took a pot from way above and dropped it in those trees."

There were reports of a UFO sighting in Fort Liard earlier this year.

Hope said he's sure he witnessed a UFO in flight last year as well.

"I was out on the river and this was at night. I could see the outline of the mountain," he recalled. "From behind the mountain, this big, white light came out, stopped about halfway up the mountain, stayed there for about five to 10 seconds and then it just took off. It was gone."

Nic Larter, regional biologist, has also seen such circles of fallen trees, but he has an alternate explanation.

He said extreme weather is likely behind

the phenomena.

"The big winds that we had, plus the waterlogged terrain, all of a sudden these trees just kind of whacked over," Larter explained.

'Poof, it's gone'

"They tend to be these round things because the water forms around, and if you start getting sinkholes or stuff akin, permafrost starts falling in. It works its way around and poof, it's gone."

Dust devils or dirt devils -- intense rotational winds -- can also cause such damage, according to Larter.

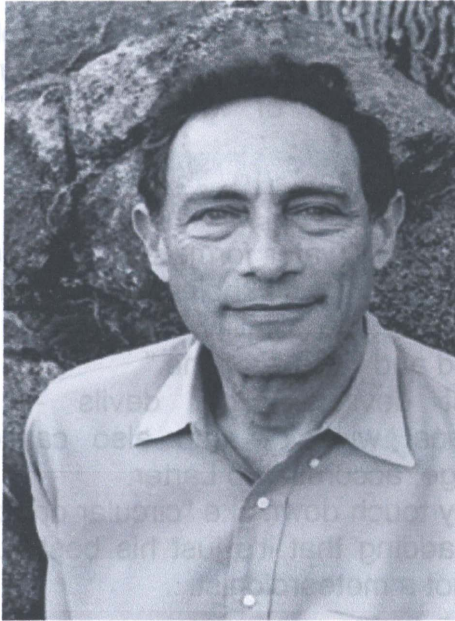
They touch down like "circular drill bits," he said, adding that it's just his best guess as he's not a meteorologist.

## **Lord Wordsworth College Talk...**

**17th September 2004...**

When I was invited to give a talk to the 6th form, I did think about it twice... Small audience, laughter, joking, piss taking etc.. But how far wrong can one be...

When I eventually found the college (Perched on the highest point in Hampshire) I was presented with a grand entrance gate and thought that I had bitten off more than I could chew. The talk was due to start at 6.15 p.m. and I was invited for a drink with the college headmaster... Very plush surroundings (Even the poor cat got chucked out in the rain just in case it sat on the headmasters chairs!!!)... I walked in the lecture room, to be faced with around 160 (The entire sixth form to be exact) students and even the teachers... My knees started to knock... The talk was great, with some very good questions, yes, some giggling, but all in all a very serious group. The talk ended at 7.15 p.m. and a small group stayed behind for a chat about not UFO's, but ghosts ! I left the door open for possible future talks on Crop Circles and Ghosts.... So who knows if I will be invited back again. A great evening and an enjoyable talk..



### **Passing Of Dr John Mack:**

At this time we must with great sorrow confirm that Dr John Mack has passed away in London, England.

Dr Mack was one of several speakers discussing British officer T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") at the T. E. Lawrence Society Symposium, Oxford. Dr Mack's 1977 biography of T.E. Lawrence, *A Prince of Our Disorder*, received the Pulitzer Prize in biography (see complete bio below). Dr Mack's presentation at an afternoon panel was so warmly received that he was asked to stay and present an additional evening talk, which again met with positive response. Afterward, he went to dinner with friends.

On his return to the home at which he was staying while in London, travelling on foot on Totteridge Road, he was struck by a vehicle being driven by an intoxicated driver. Dr Mack was in a crosswalk. Dr Mack was pronounced dead on the scene by London police and is believed to have died on impact.

Dr Mack leaves three sons, two grandsons, his former wife, and many friends who love him dearly.

This information will be revised as needed and will be replaced by a statement from Dr Mack's family when available. Information will be posted to the John E Mack Institute website, [www.johnemackinstitute.org](http://www.johnemackinstitute.org)

The John E Mack Institute, recently named in

his honour, honours Dr Mack's courageous examination of human experiences, and his landmark explorations of the ways in which perceptions and beliefs about reality shape the human condition.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

John Mack (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopaedia)

John Edward Mack, M.D. (October 4, 1929 - Sep 27, 2004), professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, considered to be a leading authority on the spiritual or transformational affects of alleged alien encounter experiences.

Mack received his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School (Cum Laude, 1955) after undergraduate study at Oberlin (Phi Beta Kappa, 1951). He is a graduate of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and is Board certified in child and adult psychoanalysis.

The dominant theme of his life's work has been the exploration of how one's perceptions of the world affect one's relationships. He addressed this issue of "worldview" on the individual level in his early clinical explorations of dreams, nightmares and teen suicide, and in his biographical study of the life of British officer T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), for which he received the Pulitzer Prize in biography in 1977.

Mack advocated that Western culture requires a shift away from a purely materialist worldview (which he feels is responsible for the Cold War, the global ecological crisis, ethno nationalism and regional conflict) towards a transpersonal worldview which embraces certain elements of Eastern spiritual and philosophical traditions.

Mack's interest in the spiritual aspect of human experience has been compared by the New York Times to that of fellow Harvard alum William James, and like James, Mack became a controversial



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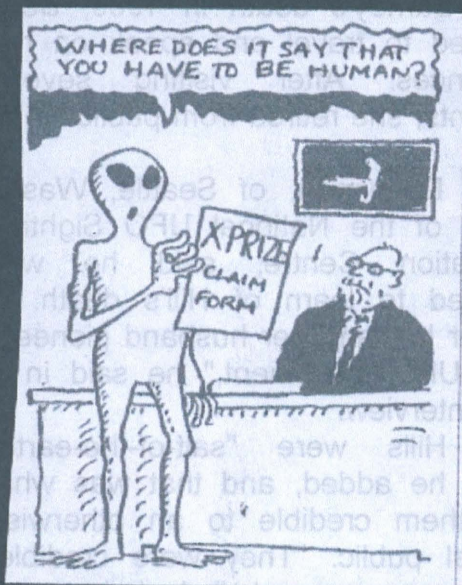
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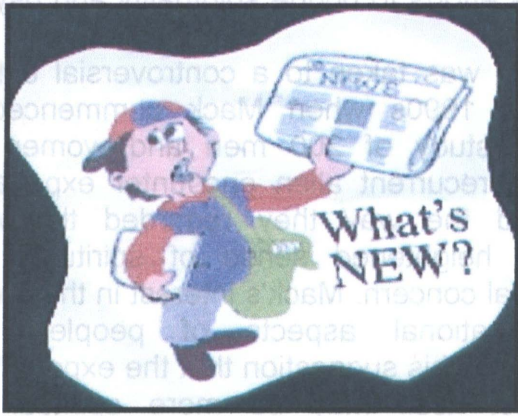
figure for his efforts to bridge spirituality and psychiatry.

This theme was taken to a controversial extreme in the early 1990s when Mack commenced his decade-plus study of 200 men and women who claimed that recurrent alien encounter experiences had affected the way they regarded the world, including a heightened sense of spirituality and environmental concern. Mack's interest in the spiritual or transformational aspects of people's alien encounters, and his suggestion that the experience of alien contact itself may be more spiritual than physical in nature -- yet nonetheless real -- set him apart from many of his contemporaries such as Budd Hopkins, who initially advocated the physical reality of aliens.

In 1994 the Dean of Harvard Medical School appointed a committee of peers to review Mack's clinical care and clinical investigation of the people who had shared their alien encounters with him (some of their cases were written of in Mack's 1994 book Abduction). After fourteen months of inquiry and amid growing questions from the academic community (including Harvard Professor of Law Alan Dershowitz) regarding the validity of Harvard's investigation of a tenured professor, Harvard issued a statement stating that the Dean had "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinions without impediment," concluding "Dr. Mack remains a member in good standing of the Harvard Faculty of Medicine."

Mack's explorations later broadened into the general consideration of the merits of an expanded notion of reality, one which allows for experiences that may not fit the Western materialist paradigm, yet deeply affect people's lives. His second (and final) book on the alien encounter experience, Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters (1999), was as much the culmination of his work with the "experiencers" of alien encounters (to whom the book is dedicated) as it was a philosophical treatise connecting the themes of spirituality and modern worldviews.





**Betty Hill Passes Away...**  
**Aged 85 October 17, 2004...**

Betty Hill, the Grandmother of UFOlogy, passed away this morning, October 17, 2004, at the age of 85. Betty struggled with cancer for the past year.

They say things come in 3's... Hmmm.. See elsewhere in newsletter ...

**The Portsmouth Herald - New Hampshire**  
**19th October 2004**

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/10192004/news/43685.htm>

**Woman Who Gained Fame With UFO**  
**Narrative Dies**

By Kathleen D. Bailey  
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PORTSMOUTH - A Portsmouth woman who helped bring the topic of life on other planets out of its particular closet in the 1960s died Sunday of cancer. She was 85.

Although not everyone believed Betty Hill's story of alien abduction, it opened a national dialogue on the possibility of unidentified flying objects. She has been called the Grandmother of UFO-logy.

As the story has been told, Hill and her husband, Barney, were driving home from a Canadian vacation in 1961 when they saw a moving light in the sky. As it moved closer, they saw it was some kind of aircraft, and Barney saw figures moving inside. The object moved directly over their car, according to Betty, and they heard

a sound like a tuning fork before they grew drowsy. When they regained consciousness, they found themselves near Ashland, N.H., with no memory of the previous two hours.

Through hypnotherapy, the couple remembered being taken on board the craft and undergoing tests before taking a tour of the vessel. Betty was shown a "star map," which she later drew. It matched a cluster of previously unknown stars discovered years later in the 1970s.

Were they fakes? At the time of the "abduction," an unidentified flying object was picked up by radar at Pease Air Force Base in Newington. Shiny circles about the size of a silver dollar appeared on the surface of the couple's car trunk. The missing two hours have never been accounted for. And, perhaps most importantly, the Hills' separate accounts never wavered, even under hypnosis, but remained remarkably alike.

The adventure brought media attention to the postal worker and his social worker wife. They appeared on national television. John Fuller documented their experience in his book, "Interrupted Journey." The former Look magazine published a two-part excerpt of the book in 1966. "Interrupted Journey" became a TV movie in 1975, with James Earl Jones playing Barney and Estelle Parsons playing Betty.

After Barney's death in 1969, Betty continued to travel and speak on her experiences. After visiting several continents, she retired from public life in 1991.

Peter Davenport, of Seattle, Wash., director of the National UFO Sighting Registration Centre, said he was saddened to learn of Hill's death. "I consider her and her husband pioneers in the UFO movement," he said in a phone interview.

The Hills were "salt-of-the-earth" people, he added, and that was what made them credible to an otherwise sceptical public. "They were credible, common-sense people." And, he said,



they were the first to make their experience public and document it with interviews. "They are to the abduction phenomenon what Lindbergh was to ocean flying," he said. "They were brave enough to step forward and make public the facts of their alleged interactions with aliens," he said.

Peter Geremia, of Rye, director of the New Hampshire MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), agreed. "Before the Hills, the UFO movement was considered the area of a fringe element, kooks," he said in a phone interview. "It was written up in what we would now call tabloids. After the Hill abduction and investigation and research, the 'abduction scenario' took on a whole new credibility. We found the same thing going on worldwide. It wasn't just 'crazy kooks'."

But Hill remained prominent even as her cause grew more commonplace. People could relate to her, Geremia said. "She was so articulate, explaining what was happening. It was like watching your own grandmother up there, but she had all the facts and figures."

Hill was a successful advocate for the UFO community precisely because she was so normal, both Davenport and Geremia maintained. "She was a tremendous asset to the state of New Hampshire because of her work with young children," Geremia said, remembering Hill's career as a social worker. "She was a wonderful gal," Davenport said.

### ANDOVER 12th September 2004..

--I was letting my dog out early Sunday morning September 12, 2004, about 5 AM, when it was just getting light. I first noticed what looked like a satellite going east to west but there were 2 side by side. Then going west to east came a rapidly flashing red and white light. Then moved slowly and silently, at about 500m altitude. As this pair crossed the sky another came into view directly underneath the first at about 200m altitude, moving the same speed, in formation. This pair drifted past followed by another three sets of pairs all going the same direction. The strange thing was that I could see the lights flashing down the side of the craft and on the back could be seen two fixed lights that may have been exhausts? The objects themselves were invisible.

Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

Yet again, another Hampshire sighting reported to an American UFO group.. What do we have to do to get people to report their sightings to us !!!!!

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### Great News for UFOlogists Everywhere...

The UK is finally, and very belatedly, getting its own FOI which comes into affect on January 1st. Initial estimates a few weeks ago suggested that the cost of a search could be as high as £500 a time - approximately \$900 US, which would obviously be extremely prohibitive.

As a result of approaches from various sources, the government has relented and is now saying that most searches will be free. This is a staggering turnaround and one most warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Source: **The Telegraph - London**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.html>;

**19th October 2004...**

Access to official files will be free of cost

By

Andrew Sparrow

Political Correspondent

Most people who use the Freedom of Information Act to obtain official files will not have to pay, the Government said yesterday.

Lord Falconer, the Constitutional Affairs Secretary, revealed that Whitehall departments will only be able to charge if the cost of retrieving and collating the information requested is more than £600. Other public bodies will only be allowed to charge if the cost of complying with a FOI Act application is more than £450.

Lord Falconer announced the two figures in an attempt to dispel claims that prohibitive costs would make it hard for people to take advantage of the Act when it comes into force on Jan 1 next year.

In a speech to the Society of Editors conference in Newcastle, Lord Falconer said the Government wanted access to information to be mostly free because it wanted to change the culture of official dissemination.

"We don't want cost to deter people from asking about the policy discussions that influence their children's education, the way hospitals treat and care for their parents or the way police patrol their neighbourhoods," he said.

Lord Falconer told the conference that the £450 limit was equivalent to the average cost of an official working for two and a half days. The £600 limit was equivalent to an official spending three and a half days collating paperwork.

All people who use the FOI Act will, however, have to pay the costs of copying, printing or posting their

documents.

Under the Act, anyone will be able to apply for information held by more than 100,000 public bodies. Authorities will have to reply within 20 days.

Some categories of information will be exempt. But Lord Falconer said the Government was genuinely committed to promoting openness.

"Greater access to information will improve the dialogue between public bodies making decisions and the people affected by them," he said. Maurice Frankel, the director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, said he was "surprised" by how generous the Government's charging arrangements were.

#### SUFOG DIARY - 2004..

##### **November 17th :**

Group  
Meeting

##### **December 15th :**

Group Christmas Meeting..

(Please bring along some nibbles etc to share as this will be our Christmas party).

Please contact the Editor before the above dates to confirm that the Sky Watch / Meeting are still going ahead. This is because Sky Watch's are likely to be cancelled / changed due to weather conditions, and other commitments that the editor is not aware of at the time of publication of the newsletter..



### SUFOG Video Sale..

To all members.. Please support SUFOG by purchasing one of the following video's.. They have ALL only been played twice and are as good as new. Each video is £5.00 plus £2.00 postage unless otherwise stated. Cheques/Postal Orders payable to SUFOG... here goes...

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SUPPORT TO SURVIVE...!!!**

### Sightings from the past over Hampshire.

The following reports have been taken from the SUFOG Database that has been created by Chairman Steve Gerrard and I have decided to add reports from SUFOG records in this section from now on...

LOCATION : ALDERSHOT

TIME : 20.40 HRS

WITNESS :

JEANETTE MARTINDALE

DOG STOPPED AND WOULD NOT MOVE. OBJECT WITH HEADLAMPS AND BRIGHT REVOLVING LIGHTS IN THE SKY.

SOURCE : FSR VOL 16 NO.6 NOV/ DEC 1970

LOCATION : ANDOVER

TIME : 01.00

WITNESS : UNKOWN

3 SLOW MOVING WHITE LIGHTS IN TRIANGULAR FORMATION.

SOURCE : ESSEX UFO GROUP DATA BASE

LOCATION : COSHAM

TIME : 22.50 - 23.30 P.M.

WITNESS : PAUL READER (14YRS)

SW DIRECTION, COMBINATION OF SPINNING WHITE LIGHTS. ALT 1,000FT AND ABOUT 600FT IN SIZE. SHOT ACROSS SKY. NO NOISE. HUMMING NOISE HEARD.

SOURCE : SPI MAG. NO 4 06/95



**NEWSPAPER REVIEWS**  
**BY ERNIE SEARS.**

By way of a change, and partly due to amount of material, I've separated UFO's and Ghosts and Life After Death into two parts.. hope it remains satisfactory to you!

**THE DAILY MAIL** of September 23rd ran a half-page headed "Is there anybody there? NO? By Science reporter Robin Yapp who says MESSAGES 'from the dead' are no more accurate than guess work. Well, I would flatly refute that. He also quotes Professor Wiseman who says mediums may have their uses, and they're a lot cheaper than psychotherapists! We all know Wiseman. He doesn't live up to his name!

**THE TIMES** of the same date also joins in the condemnation with "Is there anybody there? No, actually". Spends almost a whole page on the same dogmatic line. Although a footnote quotes "Heroes and Prime Ministers who DO believe. Wiseman quoted again with his negative approach, based on his recent "experiment"

**THE SUNDAY EXPRESS** of October 2nd puts the record straight with actual evidence of what many of us KNOW from experience which Wiseman et al lack.. totally. Author and medium Crystal Love says the information she gets from the "other side" is 97 per cent accurate and gives

great comfort. She quotes the case of her father when, ten years after his death, a fellow medium gave her a message 'sorry about the piano' which was only personal for Love. Other anecdotes follow

**THE DAILY MAIL** of September 24th...note these dates. ran the headline over two pages "Yes, there IS somebody there!" A vicar, a TV presenter, a columnist and daughter of Joan Collins and the late Anthony Newley, and a former biochemist, all have had actual physical or "impossible" messages from deceased friends or relatives.

**THE TIMES** of October 12th ran one of their debates on certain items in the news....."Do you agree there is no God?" I sent in my views..based on actual events... too long to print I think. After all its a subject that demands ones TIME! The Letters in reply were varied as one might guess. My own views run along the lines of "God".. whatever or whoever "HE, SHE, or even IT" may be, it lies with something far beyond what "religion" has tried to describe...you can only EXPERIENCE IT. Abductees....see elsewhere if Steve has had room!..... have got nearer to the ALL via knowledge from those "aliens".

**THE TIMES** of September 27th had a page report by Richard Morrison who attended the Wiseman "experiment" at the London Science Museum where Wiseman planned to use 'trickery' (his words) and play the part of a medium to expose the shortcomings and even FRAUD of mediums! Unfortunately the Times reporter was already a "believer" from a personal experience. Unfortunately, to, was the awesome attendance of 'hundreds of mostly young adults for this demonstration who, the reporter suggested, 'to witness something, anything, that whispers at the possibility of a realm of consciousness beyond the horizon of human observation and the veil or mortality'. Me? I've already had, AM having, the proof.

**THE SUNDAY TIMES** paid due respect to the tragic loss of Dr. John. E Mack without doubt the most forward looking professional abductee counsellor we know of. See item elsewhere. The paper had a full page on John's life and times plus a very evidential photo of him in his wrinkled raincoat and fair isle pullover etc, with a very accurate huge depiction of typical "Grey".

**THE GUARDIAN** also ran a fine obituary on John. As did **THE TELEGRAPH** and **THE DAILY EXPRESS** did



an in-depth full page on the also sad loss of astronaut Gordon Cooper who passed away at 77 only a week after John Mack. We read of his UFO encounters in near space and when he scrambled his squadron of F86 jets in 1951 when, as a then fighter pilot, a "formation" of "saucers" over-flew his German airbase for "several days" in 1951. The "gleaming" craft could change direction quicker than the fighters and eluded them on each of the 'many occasions' they were reported.

That closes a tragic and sad episode in the saga of UFOlogy. We ARE nearer THE TRUTH, I am absolutely SURE.. but we have to. Support our colleagues and our SUFOG organisation. NO ONE can doubt our world,, let alone our country, is in desperate circumstance. Our freedom is threatened, increasingly.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

**Source: Los Angeles Times October 5, 2004**

**Leroy Gordon Cooper Jr., 77; One Of Mercury 7 Astronauts**

By John Johnson  
Times Staff Writer

Leroy Gordon "Gordo" Cooper Jr., one of the most colourful of the Mercury 7 astronauts, whose exploits and foibles were made famous in the book and movie "The Right Stuff," died Monday at his home in Ventura. He was 77.

In the book, Cooper also embarrassed some of his old NASA colleagues with tales of UFO encounters and conspiracy theories. Claiming that film that he shot from Gemini 5 had been confiscated, he quoted President Johnson telling him, "Son, I ordered it classified." In 1978, he asked a U.N. panel to coordinate data on UFO encounters "to determine how best to interface with these visitors in a friendly fashion.

**Letter to the Times Newspaper...**

Sir;

I found the letters (THE TIMES 12th October) in your debate on whether we believe absolutely that there is no God both dogmatically negative but, fortunately, also positive, saved by Terry Sanderson's of The National Secular Society and George Mc. Nally's account of his prayer that resulted in finding a certain biblical phrase solved a personal predicament.

Had it not been for the brilliant article by the equally brilliant Bryan Appleyard in THE SUNDAY TIMES of October 3rd on the tragic loss of Harvard Professor John. E. Mack, mown down by a drunk driver, the previous week, I wouldn't have been entering this debate with my own prompted by experiences ideas of "God". I knew John Mack via our correspondences and I was a member for some years of his American based P.E.E.R organisation (Programme For Extraordinary Experience Research).

Like many others under John Mack's "wing"...he was a Harvard Professor of Psychiatry...I have experienced what is known as "alien abductions" over many years.. fortunately without initial or subsequent not unknown traumas! In my personal library I have John's best selling "Passport to the Cosmos" in which he and his abductees discuss their beliefs in a "God", which is often called the "Source", the "One", or the "Presence". Detailed and tellingly similar descriptions are known worldwide. As are the "inner knowledge" we are left with after "encounters" which we cannot explain.... but it changes our lives instantly. We become "aware" of our total linkage with "the ALL".... people, flower and fauna, the Universe, ... inspired by a new "love" for ALL creation.... along with an understanding that for centuries we have underestimated.. or been untaught by the relevant religions and authorities....just how ignorant we have been about CREATION... and a "God".. or "Being",...or even more Awesome and Omnipotent "Something".

Thus, we now KNOW that the present state of our species and the planet we cling to needs this RECOGNITION of the individual

and collective HELP we must give it, and US? Time is running out. Greed, violence, lies, and such, from the top to the bottom, is destroying our heritage, our birth right to the cosmos. Does ANYONE.. apart from the scientists.. REALLY believe we will be ALLOWED into space? To "colonise" other worlds? To inflict our once laudable brand of "democracy", religion, onto other species who may look.. in fact DO look....different to us. "God".. or whatever "HE ,or "SHE", or even "IT" is called is not stupid!

I'm not conceited enough.. hopefully no ego these days!.. to think you are going to publish ANY of this! But NEVER FORGET there are untold THOUSANDS, even MILLIONS of us out here who are now AWAKE!

Even if great LEADERS such as John Mack...a Pulitzer Prize winner no less....and others who have passed over.. are still working with us in enhanced form. Forget those clever clogs who "perform" as "experts", being paid for fictitious "surveys" on "Life after Death" etc.

THE TRUTH IS HERE..NOW! All you have to do is LOOK! Before he passed away recently, ex astronaut Gordon Cooper published his book "A Leap of Faith; Journey into the Unknown", which included his encounters with UFOs both as a fighter pilot and subsequently in space.

Would you accuse HIM of lying? On the other hand would you say the same of our Minister of Defence?

Ernie Sears (SUFOG PRO)

### For Sale...

I have the following items for sale....

UFO Monthly.com - April 2004 .. Number 1 (1 Copy)

UFO Monthly.Com - May 2004 .. Number 2 (2 copies)

UFO Monthly.com - June 2004 .. Number 3 (3 copies)

UFO Monthly.Com - July 2004 .. Number 4 (3 copies)

The cost plus postage per issue is £2.50. This is produced by Russel Callaghan and Gary Hesseltine (Both former of UFO Magazine) and is only available from the internet... I have limited copies available.. Cheques or Postal Order payable to Southampton UFO Group...



### MAGAZINE REVIEWS BY ERNIE SEARS.

A motley collection this issue.. but variety and interesting.. although after two hours or more of typing I somehow managed to delete it ALL when right on the last mag! Grr! I ALMOST RESIGNED! Here goes AGAIN; **NEXUS..** the OCTOBER - NOVEMBER issue. courtesy of SUFOG member Lorraine Michelin of Eastleigh... is as always, rather sensational.. plenty of SECRETS disclosed in its 80 plus pages and if you're easily disturbed approach it cautiously! The colourful cover gives you some idea. Space weapons hidden agenda. Medical mistakes our biggest killers. People Power. the new global activism. Invented diseases. Magnetic Motors. Experts versus fluoridation. Plus crop circles. UFOs, etc etc. A good read and one learns, one learns! Our own ideas sometimes get confirmation..... not always nice. At £2.95 from good newsagents worth the buy, though.

**Beyond belief** ...note the lower case use!.. is one I recently decided to buy after seeing adverts in my weekly Psychic News. Persuaded by it's close proximity publishing office!. Plus a gut feeling it would be useful. So far so good. Almost totally



about ghost stories... some of which are local to me. The first issue was back in April 2004...since then I've got June and August with October coming up and December will have one of MY ghost stories which has been in SUFOG's mag, The format of the mag. is good.. glossy, full colour, and has a Gothic aspect, with cover paintings by a Steve Fox of fairies, butterflies, forests, streams, and such. Nothing spooky! It threw up some interesting coincidences which I hope to relate in other pages. At £2.80 per copy.. bi-monthly.. from 268a Priory Road, Southampton, SO17 SLS. The Editor, Roy Stubbs, is looking for genuine stories.. no pay but you get a free copy of the relevant magazine if its published.

**Ovni**...always an interesting magazine, the long-term baby of the Phenomenon Research Association, headed by veteran UFO investigator Omar Fowler.. a colleague of mine since the seventies when he operated from Surrey. From his current base in Derbyshire, Omar runs meetings and is often on Radio. The area known for its Flying Triangles and this September -October issue tells of the 'intense' Flying Triangle activity over the USA. You can catch a program of it on your website, [http://www.nidsci.org/\8\\_25triireport.php](http://www.nidsci.org/\8_25triireport.php). The "slashes" are FORWARD by the way.. for some reason my emailer has NO FORWARD SLASHES! A photo of a "UFO" is of a brand new American aircraft onboard an aircraft carrier... possibly a stealth project they say. Time will tell... an alien craft it is NOT! A North Wales paranormal story from our old friend Margaret Fry looks interesting. The Cassini spacecraft sends pictures of a strange craft near Saturn. It is moving and is projecting a bright light! You will find much more in the bi-monthly issues of OVNI...from 94 The Circle, Sinfen, Derby. DE21 9H..£1 per copy.

**UFO MONTHLY.COM** is still going strong.. pity we can no longer get it direct in hard copy but Steve gets it off the website. I've got the September issue in front of me and have read the June and July and August ones to date. Very good coverage and congrats to Gary Heseltine for pressing on regardless. We appreciate having the former "gap" filled and it's onward and upward,

Gary! And the articles are great....The Photo Archives this issue re super.. bet there's MANY who weren't around in those days when us old'uns were THERE waiting for the mass landings! Huh! and SEEING 'em! Still, those 2004 sightings at night of TWO "saucers" over Wiltshire! Ring of lights in Southern Ireland...August. Canada's near record of Sightings ..last year it was 673... this year MORE! 'Course they're civilised over there compared to us! Who'd LAND here!

**RAPPORT** for August - July is in front of me, the late Ken Philips Witness Support Group magazine, current Editor Mike Rutter doing a good job of the mag. Which is BY abductees and FOR abductees,, founded in 1990...same year as SUFOG! Good looking in colour. it has the word enlightenment on the cover too which I think says it all for what we strive for. SIX pages on Planet X and our long past and long ignored history starts the current issue.. Egyptology comes into it, we were discussing that very subject at the last meeting.. our Davina is the expert on that subject...could have been Cleopatra's handmaiden or something in the past! Reincarnation and meditation also shows itself in the Rapport magazine. Then there's Ernie Sears and his trombone at his 80th birthday party. Who? UFOlogy and implications on page 10. UFO seen over PT LINCOLN during power failure. Various "explanations" came...after three and a half hours power was restored. Meanwhile the green flashing object hovered, moved, and vanished. Marc Bell's Rendlesham trip covered in detail. There you go, then. Rapport magazine has a suggested price of £2.. bi-monthly. 187 Narbeth Drive, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. HP20 1PS

**UFO REVIEW** is a cracker! September has a significant by line 'neath the Title.. by old friend and ex SUFOG member (WHY?) Brian James who writes; 'For the believer no proof is necessary. For the sceptic no proof is possible. For the debunker no proof exists.' UFO REVIEW Editor Stewart .....lays out the contents such as ; Your editor warbles too much! NOT SO! Interview with Will Hart. Awesome! Probe International Conference. See you there. Fascinating personal insight

by Brian P. James Arguments Against Psychosis Explaining the Alien Abduction Scenario. RIGHT ON, BRIAN! Cleburne Revisited. Vagina Monologues! Hmm! Serious Stuff. Solicitors letter. Interview with Andy Roberts Talk to the Devil? (Know Thine Enemy!) Book Reviews. Aliens Claim Jacko is their son! The search for Noah's Ark... FIND IT, We NEED IT! The Church of the Latter Day Reticulians! Ho ho! There's MORE! OK.. £2.50 this issue 84 pages. PO Box 522, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 3WP email; Stuart@uforeview.net

**AWARENESS**..a good title for this pocket-sized well turned out magazine, The Journal of the Contact International UFO Research organisation. Editor Geoff Ambler...no connection with the "ambler Gambler" those small crop circles "globes" were christened as such? The cover gives some idea of the contents. "NORFOLK TIME LOSS" ! "ORBS ANALYSIS" "BIG CAT MYSTERY" Inside it's War of the Worlds remake film, ET Radio Signal. Lord Hill Norton's death.. sadly, missed. "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" CONFERENCE in OXFORD.. two ORBS showed up after films were taken off stage speakers! 'Course! Mexico UFO sensation. Missing Two Hours by Ellis Taylor. ORBS Ten Year Analysis by Geoff Ambler. Lord Clancarty's Address to BUFORA November 81.. From the archives...FIVE PAGES of gripping FACTS!! EARLY SAUCER PHOTOS Summer 1967 from the archives.. Crop Circles 2004 The Big Cat Mystery. Media Distortion. FINALLY ..in a packed and interesting product; UFO Over flights and the timing of odd events in the World.; 1965 to 2004. Blackouts. Total phone disruption. Huge earthquakes. Freak Thunderstorms. Steamy account of such THIS YEAR LOCALLY with witnesses.. STEVE for one! When doors UNLOCKED themselves twenty miles apart during SINGLE BUT TREMENDOUS PEAL...police phones down. ETC. AWARENESS £9 for 4, £14 for 8 From PO BOX 23, Wheatley, OXON, OX33 1FL

**FORTEAN TIMES** current issue.. with Andy Roberts and Dr. David Clarke giving their views on the latest UFO items; That Mexican flurry of objects filmed but not seen. A fact that the two sceptics fastened on although it's

not unusual if only the pair would really study the subject. Or ask a genuine repeater abductee who has come to terms with a different reality...there's plenty of us out here!! Meanwhile in Iran the growing tension sparked off a wave of UFO fever... so say the two "experts", putting it all down to next door Iraq. People rushed into the streets to watch a object flashing red, green, and blue moving slowly east to west. While an Iran newspaper reporter watched an obliging spherical object with two arms that hovered for 90 minutes,,, allowing him to film it. An American took a photo and said it was a 'circular spaceship with windows all over it and an opening on the lower bottom'... Certainly the photo printed bears this out.. However, Roberts and Clarke say the incident bears all the hallmarks of stars and planets and mentions people in 1913 (Yeh!) who believed Venus was a searchlight if a German Zeppelin. Make what you will of that, then!

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#### Late review by Steve Gerrard...

**UPRI NEWSLETTER** Number 3 2004... A great magazine published in Ireland by the U.F.O. and Paranormal Research Ireland, A4 format and 36 pages of news, press cuttings, ghosts and a whole lot more. What I like about this is the press cuttings. They come from Ireland and also other papers and this issue has a mixture of ghosts and UFO's.. There is an article about an attempt to 'GAG' UPRi Research and a cutting concerning UFO researcher Betty Meyler and her visit to the English corn fields to investigate crop circles. A number of ghost articles also feature in the magazine , killer asteroids, and a psychic hunt for a killer... I like this magazine as you can probably tell and is a worthy investment... Details from IPRI, P.O. Box 7041, Harmonstown, Dublin 5, Ireland.. Email ; UPRi@oceanfree.net or visit their web site ; [www.angelfire.com/weird2/upri](http://www.angelfire.com/weird2/upri)

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## Silver in those Circles.

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2004 saw the annual SUFOG sky watch at Avebury and circle hunting / watching. I set off at 10 a.m. and my mobile phone informed me that I had left the disposable BBQ at home... After a quick stop at Sainsbury's in Salisbury, I was back on the road again. Having negotiated Salisbury and its traffic jam and roundabouts, everything was going fine. Me and my big mouth! As I approached the roundabout for the A303/A345, I was pushed over by a big arctic that wanted to go where IT wanted to go and sod everyone else. I now found myself on the A303 and miles of traffic ahead on the road to Exeter! Road signs said no U-Turns and I crawled along at 5 miles an hour... A gap in the central reservation appeared and I could see the road that I wanted and decided that the time had come... Decision time... Exeter or Avebury? That was the question. Avebury it was and after a further hour I arrived at Alton Priors to see my first formation, the Dolphin formation.



I finally arrived at the Barge PH at Alton Barnes at around mid day and by 1.30 p.m. and lunch, I had been joined by a further 5 group members, Roger and Jo Stone, Kev Nicklen, Mark Easen (Who had traveled up from East Sussex – Dedication for you members!), Alan Woods and now we were a merry band of 6. We decided to head off towards Silbury Hill and look at the formation there and the two at the West Kennet Long-Barrow.

## The Silbury Hill Mian 2012 Calendar formation (The end of the world!)...

This was a fascinating formation that was said to tell the story of the end of the Earth in 2012... It has recently featured in an article in the Daily Mail dated the 9<sup>th</sup> August. This was an impressive formation from the air and from the ground as well.. But.. to get into the formation we had to pay £1 each as per the sign :





and get past the young lady sat in her deck chair to make sure that we paid (Mark, I think she saw the 2p!). The formation appeared on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August and was still in remarkable condition. After taking a number of photographs, I looked at the very center of the formation and noticed that there was a slight 'bowl' shape to the ground (As if something had been put there and compressed hard into the ground - a pole maybe?). So, for some unknown reason, I gently rubbed the surface with my finger (by now the other members were stood around me wondering what I was doing - so was I !), and I saw something shiny in the dirt. I used my car key to 'Dig' the object out of the solid, compacted earth...

What I found was a 1999 British 5 pence piece stood up on end!... But :



1. It was buried in the ground on end and not flat so it couldn't of just been 'dropped' there - The circle makers calling card?
2. If it had been dropped when the formation was being created, then it would have been trodden down flat into the earth.
3. The surface had been compacted very hard.
4. I asked Kev Nicklen to try and push the coin back into the ground on end with his fingers, but he couldn't.
5. I then asked Kev to use his walking stick to push it in, but this also failed.
6. The only way to get the coin into the ground vertically if a hole was either there already or dug for the purpose and the coin DROPPED into it and then buried and the ground compacted around it and on-top.

So, who put it there and why?

1. The Circle Makers calling card?
2. ET's calling card?
3. Someone doing some kind of test? But why with a 5 pence piece?

Another question one must ask is how did the so-called crop circle researchers not find this? Had it been left there since the 1<sup>st</sup> of August by the circle maker or later, as an experiment by someone else? Maybe in the future circle researchers should take a metal detector into a new formation. Have these 5 pence pieces been left behind before, or have researchers just missed them! If it is a calling card from the Circle Makers, then sorry folks, we must consider the Silbury Hill formation as a hoax! Maybe next year I might find a 10 pence piece hidden in a formation ? - inflation!





I must admit, 'I' feel this casts doubts on the Silbury Hill formation for me, as this is possibly an important find (Or some researcher is now pissed off that I have spoilt their experiment!). Had it been left by ET? I doubt it very much... Was someone carryout some kind of personal research? I have asked people this and there appears to be no reason as to why someone would use a 5 pence piece.. Was it left by the Circle Maker?.. I personally think this is the answer.. Their calling card.

After this, we decided to walk the quarter of a mile to the West Kennet Long Barrow across the fields. I wish we had chosen the road route! There were a number of the people in the formation next to the ancient burial site and the formation was like a rising sun and moon design. But, just outside the formation in the long corn was...



Who had left this piece of rope in the field? The circle makers or someone else? Someone commented that it was like someone had tapped one end as if to feed it through a hole and tied a knot in the other end and the rope had broken? Was it from the Circle Makers 'Stomping' board? The second formation just down the hill from this one was a lot more impressive from the road and this completed our afternoon of circle hunting... But I was wrong!

We headed back to the Red Lion at Avebury and found the local hostelry open and being well patronized (by wasps!). After a refreshing, wasp infested ice cold drink, I went for a walk around the stones and looked over the back fields, but saw nothing of note. I made a swift visit to the Henge shops and walked out after seeing the prices, Andy Collins and Steve Alexander's crop circle books (Hoaxed formations included in the price!). When I re-joined the group, we decided to go to Avebury Trusloe and investigate the formation there. After a drive down narrow country lanes we found the formation in the middle of no where! Even the farmer here had put up an honesty box, but no one was sat by it this time...





(Kevin paying his entry fee)

From the air, the formation looked like the old 'insectograms' of the early 1990's. From the ground, it appeared to be between 200 – 250 feet in length. There were a few anomalies, such as the circles centers appeared to be 'off set' to one side (Egg shaped circles instead of round) and someone had placed a birds feather (Rook, Raven or Crow) in the center of one of the circles. It was an impressive formation from the ground, as well as from the air.

From here, we headed to the sky watch position in a car park opposite Adams Grave and overlooking East Field. From the car park, we looked over the fields behind Alton Priors and Alton Barnes and could see the Dolphin formation in East Field and the circular formation some 2 fields away. A couple of us decided to climb to the top of Adam's Grave (Me and my big mouth again!) and as we climbed, I hoped it was going to be worth it! And it was! We could see a total of 6 formations. There were the two near Alton Priors, Two to the right of Adams Grave (One being the Bee formation) and 2 in the distance, one near Alton Barnes and the other one in Honey Street close to the Barge Public House.



This was a fitting end to the circle hunting and the sky watch was the next experience for the group.. or not.. We set up camp around 8 p.m. with a clear sky and dark clouds in the distance. We had a wonderful sky watching airplanes, satellites, shooting stars and even the odd meteorites falling through the sky. The sky stayed reasonably clear but the odd 'patch' of cloud passed over the sky and we lost the clear sky for a few minutes. Around midnight, we lit the barbeque and by 1 a.m. we were tucking into burgers and sausages. But by 1.30 a.m. the sky went very black and the clear starry sky was lost. At around 2 a.m. our sky watch was over for another year.



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## Psychiatrist criticised for giving credence to alien encounters

# John Mack

GUARDIAN 5/10/04

**J**ohn Mack, the American psychiatrist whose research gave considerable credence to accounts by people who claimed to have encountered aliens — derisively dismissed by some of his fellow academics — has died in a road accident in London, aged 74.

He had been visiting Britain to speak at a conference in Oxford, on an earlier and uncontroversial area of interest. In his acclaimed, Pulitzer-prizewinning biography of TE Lawrence, *Prince Of Our Disorder* (1977), Mack probed the subject from a psychological and spiritual — as well as a conventional — angle, aiming to relate the individual to the larger picture.

However, it was his study *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens* (1994) that became a bestseller. It was based on the testaments of about 100 self-proclaimed abductees, who contacted Mack at his office at Cambridge hospital, one of the teaching hospitals run by Harvard University, in Massachusetts. The book led to Harvard medical school, where he had been a faculty member since 1964 and a tenured professor of psychiatry since 1972, holding an inquiry into his methods, though he escaped censure.

Mack's interest in the testimonies of people claiming contact with non-human beings had started relatively late in his career. As he explained in an interview: "When I heard about this phenomenon in 1990, I was very doubtful. I thought it must be some kind of mental illness."

Eventually, however, he came to accept that his duty was to help those with abduction stories, known as "experiencers", to deal with their feelings. Mack said his line with such cases was to be "questioning and sceptical";



Mack... TE Lawrence study

and that he considered the abduction phenomenon "an authentic mystery", meriting more research.

While he never solved the mystery, Mack suggested two years ago that alien abductions were occurring in the context "of a planetary ecological crisis that is reaching critical proportions, and that information about this situation is often powerfully conveyed by the alien beings to the experiencers".

His peers were divided about his work, although there was general agreement that he was never afraid to be a trailblazer, or to give serious attention to what detractors considered a fringe issue or an alternative approach. Such was his academic weight that he was able to pursue his controversial interests from his base at Harvard — though, while his work on

alien encounters brought him many media appearances and made him wealthy, there was a price to be paid.

Some of his colleagues hinted that extraterrestrial visitors, and their alleged impact on humans, were not a productive area of research. Matters came to a head when Harvard launched an inquiry lasting 14 months into Mack's methods, following the publication of *Abduction*.

Mack's work was seen as a slur on serious research by some disdainful colleagues; he had investigated, among others, the case of a man who recalled a female alien taking a sperm sample from him, and another man who claimed to have given birth to a half-human, half-alien.

In its ruling, the inquiry, conducted by a former editor of the *New England Journal Of Medicine*, Arnold Relman, urged Mack "not, in any way, to violate the high standards... of this faculty", while reaffirming his right, as a researcher, to academic freedom. Mack felt vindicated. Certainly, he continued undaunted, as the confident title of one of his subsequent work, *Passport To The Cosmos: Human Transformation And Alien Encounters* (1999), showed.

Born in New York, Mack graduated from Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1951, and from Harvard, where he obtained his medical degree, in 1955. He was an intern at Massachusetts general hospital, and did his residency at the Massachusetts mental health centre in Boston. In 1959, he joined the US air force for a two-year tour of duty as a psychiatrist in Japan. In the 1960s, he started the psychiatry unit, which he headed from 1969 to 1977, at the Cambridge hospital.

Early in his career, Mack focused on the psychology of sleep and dreams, and began building his professional rep-

utation by applying a psychoanalytic approach to such troubled groups as children contemplating suicide and teenagers obsessed by the threat of nuclear war. This led him to become a strong advocate of disarmament; in the 1980s, along with his other roles, he became academic director of the Centre for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age.

In 1983, he set up the Centre for Psychology and Social Change, which sponsors research projects that combine psychology with ecological or ethnic issues, and earlier this year was renamed the John E Mack Institute.

Mack, who was divorced, is survived by three sons.

**John James**

**Steve Geller writes:** I knew John from my work as director of the screenwriting programme at Boston University. In our course on sacred drama, which deals with cosmic and personal mythology, his *Passport To The Cosmos* was studied. John addressed my very large class, and was forthright, charming, intelligent, and disarmingly honest about what he knew and did not know. His humanity, compassion and solid science made themselves felt in that classroom. He was a perfect definition of the best of the methods of science and of academic discipline.

Because of the nature of his work, he made enemies in his profession, and in academia. But by his behaviour during the Harvard debacle, he proved himself to be tougher, more rigorous academically, and more the gentleman than political elements of that body of learning had themselves evinced. He won; they did not.

*John Edward Mack, research psychiatrist, academic and author, born October 4 1929; died September 27 2004*

One man claimed a female alien had taken a sperm sample from him; another that he had given birth